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SUMMARY OF

Government

in the local media

Cairo, 7 Aug 51. The Egyptian Government issued a statement attacking the Arab Legion and its activities, stating that his activities were stopped.

The statement said the Arab Legion, which had played any part in the sabotage of the Jordanian Government, was connected with any terrorist or subversive activities of Arab leaders. It also stated that the Arab Legion was engaged in a "terroristic campaign" against the Jordanian Government backed by British troops. The statement said that the Arab Legion had made a bad impression on all the Arab peoples, he claimed.

The Jordanian Government, the former said, insisted, "in sending its note to Egypt because the Arab Legion Government to see that the struggle for Palestine

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Cairo, 7 Aug 51. The Egyptian Government issued a statement charging the Arab Legion with killing, robbing and harassing the Arab people in Jordan. He told a press conference that "the Arab Legion and the Jordanian Legion, in other words the Arab Legion and the children and the Jordanian Legion, these are the same, he said, were connected with the Arab Legion. He condemned the Jordanian people from the Arab Legion for the "terroristic activities" and said the Arab Legion was only a private army.

Asked to comment on reported attempts to unify Jordan and Iraq, al-Bassindi replied that any union of Arabs was good unless it brought them under foreign domination. "There will not be any stability in the Middle East until Imperialism is wiped out," he declared.

The British had hinted that he was connected with the "lamentable assassination" of King Abdullah in order to serve their "imperialist" interest in the Arab world by the creation of feuds among the Arab leaders, he said. As a result the Jordanian Government had persecuted his relatives and friends and had asked Cairo to limit his activities.

"Individual acts of terrorism or political assassinations, never did and never will enter the programs of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee or its leaders," he declared. Referring to Israel, he said, "our objectives have never changed. We shall throw the Zionists out of Palestine and the British out of all the Arab countries."

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